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Loans to owners of gardens in Tanjore district.

*1036 *Q.*—SRI C. KANDASAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state— 9–20 a.m.

(*a*) what is the estimate of loss to coconut gardens in Tanjore district in the recent cyclone; and

(*b*) whether the Government have any proposals to grant the garden owners long-term loans with or without interest?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (*a*) The loss to coconut gardens in Tanjore district on account of the cyclone is estimated at Rs. 1·1 lakh. The number of trees involved is roughly estimated at 8½ lakhs.

" (*b*) Yes. The Government have aready distributed loans to the owners of coconut gardens. These loans bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum. Applications for loans involving Rs. 2,67,000 from owners of coconut gardens received from February and March 1953 are under enquiry."

SRI C. KANDASAMI:—" Are the loans of long-term nature or of short-term nature?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" They are both long term and short term, Sir."

SRI C. KANDASAMI:—" What is the amount of short-term loans and what is the amount of long-term loans?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" I cannot say that just now. If the hon. Member puts a separate question, I shall answer it."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM:—" The Hon. Minister was pleased to state that there was a proposal to sanction loans. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to tell us whether any loans were actually sanctioned till now?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" Proposals for sanctioning loans are under consideration and the amount involved is about Rs. 2,67,000."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM:—" It is more than a year after the cyclone havoc and till now the Government have not given their consideration. Will the Government consider this fact and give the necessary loans early?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" The garden-owners woke up very late. Applications were received only in February-March, 1953."

SRI A. K. SUBBIAH:—" தேவஸ்தானத்திற்குச் சொந்தமான கிராமங்களில் தென்னைமரங்கள் இழந்தவர்களுக்கும் கடன் கொடுக்கப்படுமா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" That question has to be addressed to the Hon. Minister for Hindu Religious Endowments."

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SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR :—" In addition to giving loans, will the Government also see that coconut seedlings are supplied to the poor ryots through the Department of Agriculture? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir, there is a proposal. We have addressed the Agricultural Officer in Malabar for the supply of coconut seedlings to the ryots."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" As the interest rate of 5 per cent per annum is rather excessive, will the Government think of reducing the rate of interest? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I thought the rate of interest was low enough, Sir."

SRI A. GOVINDASAMI NAYAGAR :—" வாழைத்தோட்டம் இழந்தவர்களுக்கும் இந்த உதவி அளிக்கப்படுமா ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" இந்தக் கேள்வி தென்னைமரத்தைப்பற்றியது."

SRI A. GOVINDASAMI NAYAGAR :—" புயலினால் வாழை மரங்களும் பாதிக்கப்பட்டன ; அதனால்தான் இந்தக் கேள்வியை நான் கேட்கின்றேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The question is specifically about coconuts only."

Expenditure for His Excellency the Governor's tour in Nellore in March 1953.

* 1037 *Q.*—SRI G. C. KONDAYYA : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state how much expenditure was incurred by the Government on account of His Excellency the Governor's tour in Nellore district in the first week of March 1953?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" A total expenditure of Rs. 775–3–9 has been incurred by the Government on account of the Governor's tour in Nellore district during the first week of March 1953.

" I hope, Sir, by reason of such questions put on the floor of the Assembly, the Governor will not be deterred from fulfilling his constitutional functions which include making these most useful visits to various parts of this State."

SRI G. C. KONDAYYA :—" What was the purpose of the Governor's visit to Nellore, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Development of considerable goodwill, Sir."

SRI B. SANKARIAH :—" మార్చి నెలలో గవర్నరుగారు నెల్లూరులో పర్యటన చేసినప్పుడు అక్కడ ప్రజలవద్దనుండి ఏలాంటి representation గాని petition గాని తీసుకోవడం లేదని చెప్పారు. అలాంటప్పుడు, వారి పర్యటనయొక్క ఉపయోగ మేమిటో చెప్పుతారా ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The visits of the Governors and the President of the Union after the